GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

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WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Ministry of Finance have taken steps to minimize wasteful expenditures in Government Departments and have already identified that there are certain sectors in which wasteful expenditure is maximum in various Government Departments;

(b) if so, the details of such sectors of his Ministry/Departments under him, which have been identified by that Ministry for the purpose and quantum of wasteful expenditure identified therein during each of the last three years as on December 31 2001; and

(c) the corrective steps taken so far by his Ministry to curtail/stop such wasteful expenditure, if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises have received recommendations of the Expenditure Reforms Commission and these are being implemented. 15 posts including 3 officers have been abolished in the Department of Public Enterprises and Internal Works Study Unit of Department of Heavy Industry has been wound up.This will save the Government approximately Rs.25 lakh per annum.

Apart from the above this Department has been receiving various guidelines for Expenditure Management - Fiscal Prudence and Austerity from Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) from time to time which have been followed for strict compliance. These guidelines pertain to economy in expenditure on telephones, stationery items economy in use of staff cars, restriction on purchase of new staff cars, restriction of STD facility etc.